

How to Write an Opinion Essay

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Introduction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce your topic • State your opinion 	<p>Last week, a law was enacted stating that students have to be in their homes by 10:00 pm on weekdays and 12:00 am on weekends. The purpose of this law is to protect teenagers from danger and to improve studies. Although this law is controversial and likely to incite opposition, I am in complete support of it.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Supporting Paragraph #1</u></p> <p>Topic → Protection from Danger</p>	<p>First, this new curfew law will protect students from danger. Most violence occurs late at night. Many attacks and robberies occur when the perpetrator can hide in the dark. Furthermore, at night there is less parental supervision and more people on the streets doing dangerous things such as drinking and doing drugs. This law will keep teenagers out of harm's way and safe in their homes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Supporting Paragraph #2</u></p> <p>Topic → Improvement of Studies</p>	<p>Secondly, the new curfew law will help improve teen study habits. We know that students who are out at night are not home studying or resting. For example, a student may feel pressured to go out with his or her friends at night in place of studying for a math exam. This law will remove the peer pressure and temptation. Moreover, students will be able to go to sleep at a decent hour in order to feel refreshed for class the next day. As such, the law will improve attendance and punctuality.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Conclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclude your essay • Restate your strongest reason & opinion 	<p>In conclusion, society has a responsibility to look out for the best interest of teenagers. While the new curfew law is sure to result in anger amongst many teens, the benefits clearly outweigh any possible negative effects. That is why I am in favor of the new curfew law.</p>

Things To Remember

1. **Separate Your Paragraphs.**
Remember to skip a line between each paragraph in order to keep your essay organized, neat and easy to read.
2. **Remember to state your opinion in the opening paragraph.**
The most important part of an opinion composition is YOUR OPINION. Remember that it is not enough to say what most people think – you must write what you think.
3. **Don't Repeat Your Argument.**
Make sure that each of your arguments is distinct and different from the others. Points which are very similar to each other should be grouped together as one argument.
4. **Provide Examples**
You must provide examples to support your arguments.
5. **Use CONNECTORS!!!!**
The second, third and fourth paragraphs should each start with a connector. You should use additional connectors throughout the essay as well.